

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6296

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, January 30, 2014

Title: An act relating to requiring an electric motorcycle registration renewal fee.

Brief Description: Requiring an electric motorcycle registration renewal fee.

Sponsors: Senators Mullet, Eide and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/29/14, 1/30/14 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6296 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Eide, Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Angel, Brown, Cleveland, Ericksen, Liias, Mullet, O'Ban and Rolfes.

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Background: Electric vehicles that are powered solely by electricity are subject to a fee of \$100 due annually at the time of registration renewal.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The annual fee of \$100 is reduced to \$30 for electric motorcycles at the time of registration renewal.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Increases the annual fee due at the time of renewal for electric motorcycles from \$20 to \$30.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: Motorcycles drive much less than the average car and get much better gas mileage so this gets them much closer to what they would be paying in fuel tax. The current fee is a disincentive to registering and sales of electric motorcycles. There are immense job opportunities related to the infrastructure development related to electric vehicles and this will help expand that.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Nicole Grant, Certified Electrical Workers of WA; Bob Guenther, IBEW 77; Chad Schwitters, Plug In America; Jennifer Northern, Electro Force Cycles, Owner CEO; Thomas True, EV Parts, Inc; Jeff Finn, Seattle Electric Vehicle Assn., Volunteer Legislative Issues Coordinator.